DWD Issuance 23-2008 Attachment 1, Section 1 CAP Unable to Locate Policy

Actions to Complete for Returned Mail

If the Temporary Assistance (TA) recipient's mail is returned and doesn't indicate a forwarding address, and it is determined the TA recipient does not live at that address:

- 1. Place the returned mail in the paper file;
- 2. Enter case notes regarding the reason for the returned mail; and
- 3. Send the 'Unable to Locate' alert to FSD.

Note: When reviewing the returned mail, make sure the entire address is printed on the envelope and the mailing address in Toolbox 2.0 was used.

If the alert has not been acted upon by FSD within 10 business days, contact local FSD.

Note: When determining if the TA recipient is actually still located at an address, contact the local post office to determine what the returned mail postal codes mean. "Unable to Locate-No forwarding address" can automatically be used to send the 'Unable to Locate' alert.

If the case manager discovers an alert was sent in error, a designated CAP supervisor (which is typically the CAP Coordinator) can delete an alert up to 4:00 pm the same day it is sent. Contact your appropriate CAP supervisor to determine who this is for your region. If an alert was sent in error and it is beyond the "same day", advise local FSD of the error and enter appropriate case notes.

If returned mail contains a forwarding address:

- 1. Place the returned mail in the paper file;
- 2. Enter case notes regarding the returned mail;
- 3. Enter the new address in Toolbox 2.0 (which will send the 'Change of Address' Alert to FSD);
- 4. Resend the mail to the new address; and
- 5. Do not send the 'Unable to Locate' alert.

If returned mail does not contain a forwarding address, but the address has been updated since the mail was sent (either from an address change received from FAMIS or an update by the client):

- 1. Enter case notes regarding the returned mail and that there is a more current address is in Toolbox 2.0;
- 2. Resend the mail to the new address; and
- 3. Do not send the 'Unable to Locate' alert.

If mail is returned and the TA recipient does continue to live at that address, continue with necessary steps (i.e. conciliation, sending a 2nd call-in letter, sanction, etc.). <u>Do not send the 'Unable</u> to Locate' alert.

Mail must be returned for the 'Unable to Locate' alert to be sent. If mail is not returned, continue with the "normal" letter process including Conciliation/Sanction.

Keep in mind that FSD is not required to complete any additional contacts; therefore, sending the 'Unable to Locate' alert <u>could</u> close the recipient's TA case immediately.

Case Closure Hearing Requests

The TA recipient may request a hearing within 90 days of the case closure. When a hearing is requested based on the 'Unable to Locate' alert, the CAP subcontractor becomes the primary "proprietor" of the evidence justifying the alert. Therefore, the case manager <u>must</u> attend the hearing and provide documentation proving the alert was appropriate.

When a TA recipient requests a hearing on this case closure, FSD will fax a copy of the application for hearing, or in many cases, the actual hearing paperwork to a Central Office CAP Coordinator. The Central Office CAP Coordinator will immediately review the Toolbox 2.0 record and determine if the 'Unable to Locate' alert was sent according to CAP policy.

- If the 'Unable to Locate' alert was sent in error:
 - o The Central Office CAP Coordinator will:
 - Send an email to the designated regional CAP contact and the Central Office FSD staff stating: the 'Unable to Locate' alert was sent in error; the reason for the error; and DWD is withdrawing from the hearing; and
 - Document case notes in Toolbox 2.0.
- If the Central Office CAP Coordinator determines the 'Unable to Locate' alert was sent correctly:
 - The regional CAP coordinator and Central Office FSD staff will receive an email stating the alert was sent according to policy and give the date, time, and place of the hearing. If only the application for hearing was received by Central Office CAP staff, an email stating policy was followed will be sent and followed-up with a second email giving the time and location once the hearing paperwork is received;
 - The regional CAP coordinator should immediately notify the appropriate case manager that he/she will be required to participate in the hearing when scheduled; and
 - The case manager must be prepared to provide relevant testimony and/or documentation relating to the reason for the alert.

Most case closure hearings are held by telephone at the local FSD office; however, the TA recipient has the right to request an in-person hearing. In either instance the appropriate case manager (or supervisory/management staff familiar with the circumstances) must participate in the hearing or risk having the hearing officer rule in favor of the recipient based on lack of evidence supporting the state's case closure.

CAP staff participating in the hearing must keep one copy of the relevant evidence supporting the case closure and supply three other copies to:

- 1. The TA Recipient,
- 2. Hearing officer, and
- 3. FSD agency witness.

Note: CAP case managers can also attend the hearing via telephone as long as the required documentation has been provided to the appropriate individuals prior to the hearing. Staff participating in the hearing should contact the local FSD Eligibility Specialist (or FSD supervisor) immediately upon being notified of the hearing to determine how to submit the evidence in the case of a telephone hearing. This evidence may include all returned letters, and any other appropriate hard copy documentation.

Witnesses participating in the hearing will be asked to verbally qualify themselves and their evidence prior to providing testimony. The following is the suggested language to use during the hearing process:

"My name is (<u>full name</u>). I am employed by (<u>name of employer</u>) in the capacity of (<u>working title</u>). I have been employed by (<u>name of employer</u>) for (<u>number of years</u>). Our agency provides case management services to Temporary Assistance recipients through the Career Assistance Program.

I have with me at this hearing the official case record of (<u>full name of TA recipient</u>). It is the policy of (<u>name of employer</u>) to maintain a case record on all CAP participants referred to our agency for case management services.

It is the regular course of business for case managers to make entries in the record at or near the time the client is seen for services or information about the recipient is obtained. Entries in the record for (<u>full name of TA recipient</u>) are in the usual form and I will be using information contained in the case record in my testimony."

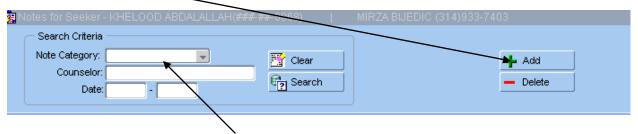
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Entering Case Notes:

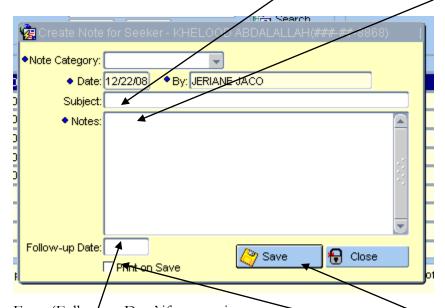
1. Click on the 'Notes' icon.



2. Click the 'Add' button.



- 3. Select the appropriate 'Note Category' drop down menu item.
- 4. Type the appropriate information in the 'Subject' field and enter 'Notes'.



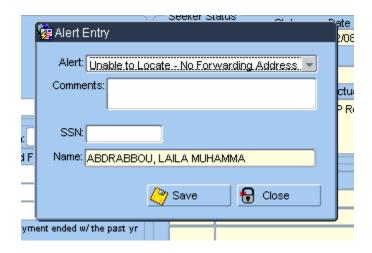
- 5. Enter 'Follow-up Date' if appropriate.
- 6. If you want a hard copy for the record click to select the 'Print on Save'.
 - 7. Click the 'Save' button.

Sending the "Unable to Locate" alert:

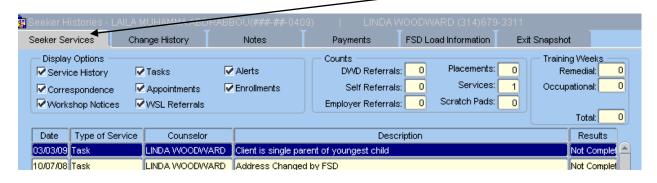
1. Click the 'Options' and Seeker Alerts.



2. Select the 'Unable to Locate-No Forwarding Address'.



3. Verify the alert writes to the 'Seeker Histories', 'Seeker Services'.



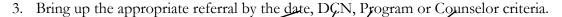
Deleting Alerts from 'Daily Referrals Query':

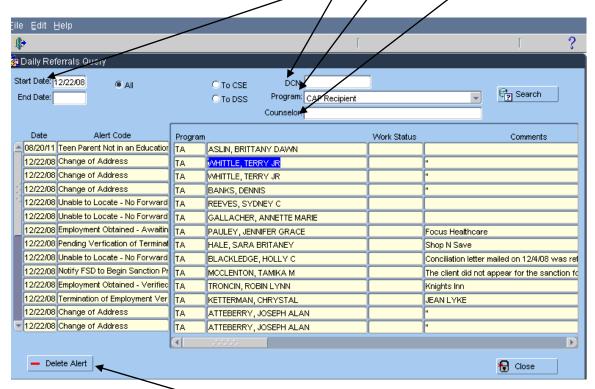
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1. Select 'MO Utility' and 'Alerts Review'.



2. This will bring up the "Daily Referrals Query" screen.



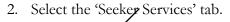


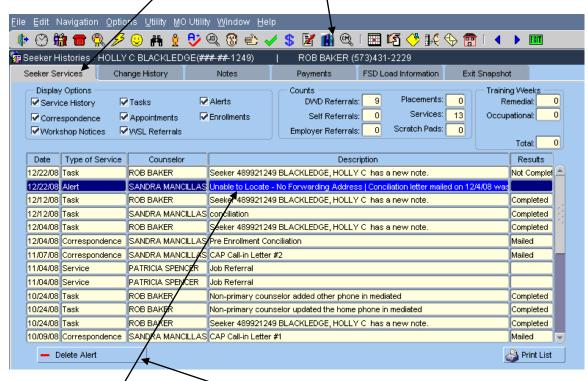
4. Select the appropriate alert.

5. Click on the 'Delete Alert' button.

Deleting Alerts from 'Seeker Histories':

1. Select 'Seeker Histories'

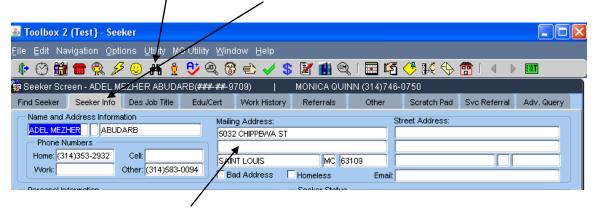




3. Click on the alert and click 'Delete Alert'.

<u>Automatic Address Change Alert:</u>

1. Click on 'Find Seeker' and 'Seeker Info'.



2. Update the 'Mailing Address' as necessary.

